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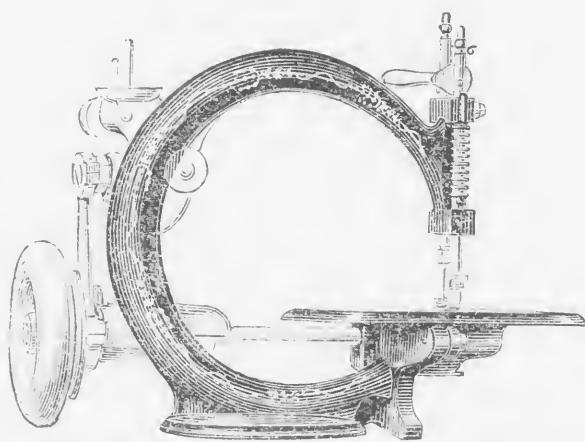
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MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 9th, 1870.

Conference met at 9 o'clock, A. M., and was opened by the President, Rev. S. B. Southerland, D. D., by reading the 122d Psalm and the 4th chapter of 2d Corinthians, and singing the 557th hymn, and prayer.

Rev. J. E. Malory and James W. Thompson, were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

The roll was called as follows:

MINISTERS.

D. Evans Reese, D. D.	David A Shermer,	D. Bowers,
John W. Everist,	David Wilson, M. D.	A. D. Dick,
James K. Nichols, D. D.	T. D. Valiant,	W. G. Holmes,
John Elderdice,	H. J. Day,	C. H. Littleton,
John R. Nichols,	F. Swentzel, M. D.	D. F. Ewell, M. D.
A. S. Eversole, M. D.	T. M. Bryan,	J. T. Ward,
James M. Elderdice,	Jesse Shreeve,	B. F. Benson,
Lawrence W. Bates, D. D.	J. A. McFaden,	W. M. Strayer,
Alfred Baker,	J. H. Ellegood,	W. W. Reese,
S. B. Southerland, D. D.	E. J. Drinkhouse, M. D.	C. T. Cochell,
H. P. Jordan,	J. Clay,	J. E. T. Ewell, M. D.
J. J. Murray, D. D.	Thomas Lee,	S. H. Hoblitzell,
P. L. Wilson,	J. T. Murray,	J. E. Maloy,
D. W. Bates,	W. S. Hammond,	J. L. Mills,
John Roberts,	H. C. Cushing,	Henry Nice,
R. S. Norris,	T. A. Moore,	R. Whinna,
Wm. T. Dumm,	C. Eversole,	M. E. Hysore,
John Morgan,	James Thompson,	J. W. Charleton,

J. B. Jones,	J. E. Read,	Luther J. Cox.
Wm. McK. Poisal,	A. T. Melvin,	Joseph P. Wilson.
J. N. Gray,	J. M. Holmes,	Thomas McCormick,
Augustus Webster, D. D	James T. Lassel, A. M.	Amon Richards,
J. D. Kinzer,	A. W. Mather,	I. T. Adkins,
W. D. Litsinger,	H. E. Miskimmon.	W. H. Crouse,
George D. Edmonston,	John E. Darby,	D. L. Greenfield,
S. T. Graham,	James C. Stewart, A. M.	Charles McF. Thompson,
S. T. Ferguson,	Wm. C. Lipscomb,	W. H. Lane.
R. S. Rowe,		

PROBATIONERS.

Charles O. Melvin,	J. G. Hutsler,	S. G. Valliant,
H. C. Hayghe,	J. L. Straughn,	Henry Bruner,
O. O. B. Strayer.	W. C. Ames,	Frank T. Tagg.

L A Y M E N.

William Slaughter,	Abel Tyson,	James W. Nichols,
F. J. Bartlett,	George H. Warren,	John H. Wallace,
James Stevenson,	Jacob S. Hays,	George Barber,
Cardiff D. Norris,	Caleb Freeland,	Martin Smith,
J. W. Woodford,	James H. Boyle, of S.	S. B. Frost,
Peter M. Pearson,	J. W. Richardson,	A. L. Withers,
Benjamin F. Hunt,	Thaddeus S. Clark	Isaac C. Baile,
William J. Stewart,	William Penley,	Edwin Ball,
Hugh C. Ramsey,	James W. Thompson,	Benjamin Cole,
James H. Gale,	Amon A. Richards,	Henry Becker,
James Frame,	Joseph E. Weer,	Walter K. White,
Jacob E. Nicholson,	John Colbourn,	Thomas J. Resler,
Rowland E. Bevans,	Albert Sudler	Thomas B. Taylor,
Thomas W. Beale,	Francis Growden,	Seth M. Whaley,
Isaac Parsons.	J. F. Gibson,	J. W. Cochrane, ,
L. J. Cathell,	W. G. Baker,	John T. Darby,
Thomas Edwards,	W. S. Mills.	Edward Mason,
Ara P. Bowen,	John Marshall,	John Divers,
Jacob T. Eversole,	Gaven Spence,	S. Sauven Ewell,
Thomas H. Hendricks,	Frederick Etchison,	William Shoemaker.
William Lare,	John Satterfield.	

The President having called Rev. Dr. Webster to the chair, read his annual report, and his official character passed.

The standing committees were announced by the President, as follows:

Unfinished Business—Henry Nice, J. E. Nicholson and Caleb Freeland.

Finance—Thomas B. Taylor and Thomas Edwards.

Itinerancy and Orders.—Dr. A. Webster, J. R. Nichols, Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse, R. E. Bevans and John Colbourn.

Necessities and Requests of Circuits and Stations.—James Stephenson, John Satterfield, Joseph Weer, John F. Gibson, J. S. Hays, Wm. Pulley and T. W. Beale.

Missions.—D. W. Bates, J. W. Charlton, T. D. Valiant, F. J. Bartlett, B. F. Hunt and W. J. Stewart.

Publication of Minutes.—W. S. Hammond.

Pulpit Services.—Dr. D. Wilson, W. T. Dunn and Dr. F. Swentzel

Literature.—J. Thomas Murray, Thomas McCormick, B. F. Benson, T. S. Clark, J. W. Thompson and James Frame.

Superannuated Claimants.—R. S. Norris, W. M. Strayer, J. L. Mills, L. J. Cathell, J. T. Eversole and Abel Tyson.

Executive Committee.—J. K. Nichols, D. D., L. W. Bates, D. D., J. J. Murray, D. D., J. W. Richardson and P. M. Pearson.

Statistics.—R. S. Rowe.

Sabbath Schools.—D. Bowers, J. Shreeve, J. T. Ward, Thomas Hendricks, A. Sudler and A. P. Bowen.

Temperance.—D. E. Reese, D. D., R. Whinna, J. D. Kinzer, Wm. Lare, Isaac C. Baile and A. A. Richards.

Ecclesiastical Communications and Visitations.—Dr. J. J. Murray, W. C. Lipscomb, H. C. Cushing, Isaac Parsons and A. L. Withers.

Official Reports.—Dr. D. F. Ewell, A. D. Dick and Cardiff D. Norris.

The hour having arrived for the Annual Sermon, the proceedings were suspended, and Rev. Wm. C. Lipscomb addressed the body

from 2nd Corinthians, 5th chapter and 20th verse, after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

Conference adjourned to meet at 2½ o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Religious services by Rev. H. C. Cushing.

Rev. Dr. Southerland was re-elected President of the Conference for the ensuing year.

The following were elected as the Standing District Committee:

Dr. J. J. Murray, Dr. J. K. Nichols and Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, Hon. George Vickers and Jas. Frame.

Committee of Appeals.—Dr. A. Webster, J. W. Everist and Dr. L. W. Bates, P. M. Pearson and Gaven Spence.

Chestertown, Kent county Maryland was selected as the place, and the third Wednesday in March, 1871, as the time of holding the next session of Conference.

A letter from Montgomery, Ala, was referred to the Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications.

On motion of Rev. D. W. Bates, a "Committee on the Interests of the Methodist Protestant Church," was appointed as follows:

D. W. Bates, Dr. E. J. Dinkhouse and J. W. Charleton, F. J. Bartlett and J. F. Gibson.

Conference then adjourned (with benediction) to meet at night.

NIGHT SESSION.

Rev. J. Clay was elected Conference Steward ; Rev. B. F. Benson, Missionary Steward, and Rev J. E. Maloy Superannuated Fund Steward. Rev. Wm. S. Hammond was re-elected Secretary of the Conference, and Rev. J. E. Read and Jas. W. Thompson, Esq., Assistant Secretaries.

A resolution was passed requesting the Missionary Steward to

pay over all moneys he may receive during the session of Conference into the hands of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

The Conference then adjourned, with prayer, by Rev. Dr. J. J. Murray.

THURSDAY, March 10th.

Conference opened with religious services, conducted by Rev. A. D. Dick.

Minutes read and approved.

The Committee on the President's report was appointed as follows: D. A. Shermer, T. A. Moore and Wm. Slaughter.

Wm. H. Cole, Esq., Agent of the Maryland State Bible Society addressed the Conference with reference to the interests of said Society. The subject was referred to a special committee, consisting of J. T. Murray, D. Bowers and James Frame.

Rev. John Roberts, Chairman of the Sabbath School Committee, submitted a report in part with reference to Sabbath Schools as follows:

That the Anniversary Meeting be held this Thursday evening at half past 7 o'clock. Subject for consideration, "How can the active co-operation of the people of our congregations be best secured in the work of our Sabbath Schools?" Speakers, James Frame, Esq., Rev. Jno. Cowl and Rev. T. H. Colhouer, after whom voluntary addresses will be made.

Conference proceeded to the examination of official character.

Rev. Wm. Collier, D. D., Rev. J. Scott, D. D., Rev. Jno. Cowl, Rev. T. H. Colhouer and Wm. Rinehart, Esq., Fraternal Messengers from the Pittsburg Conference of the Methodist Church, and Rev. J. B. Walker Fraternal Messenger from the Ohio Conference Methodist Church, and Rev. T. T. Heiss, President of the New Jersey Conference, of the same Church, were introduced to the Conference.

A communication was received from the Principal of the Western Maryland College, and was referred to the Committee on Literature.

Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

Conference opened with religious services by Rev. R. S. Norris. Examination of official character resumed. Rev. J. B. Walker and Wm. Rinehart, Esq., proceeded to address the Conference.

The following report of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications and Visitations was adopted :

Resolved, That this Conference has been highly gratified by the visit of Rev. J. B. Walker, Fraternal Messenger from the Ohio Conference Methodist Church. That we have been interested in the statements made by him, and heartily reciprocate the sentiments of kindness and fraternity expressed by him as the representative of his Conference. We tender to him and his brethren our best wishes for their health and happiness, and pray that they may be abundantly blessed in their efforts to promote the kingdom of Christ our Saviour. *Resolved*, That Fraternal Messengers be appointed by the President to represent this body in the next session of the Ohio Conference of the Methodist Church.

Rev. J. A. Earnest of the Lutheran Church, and Rev. W. C. Creamer of the Reformed Church, were introduced to the Conference.

Examination of official character resumed. When the name of Rev. Thos. M. Wilson was called, the President announced his death, and Dr. Murray, Dr. Reese and H. C. Cushing paid affectionate tributes to his memory.

Papers were presented from the colored Methodist Protestant Church of Charleston, S. C., which were referred to the following Committee: Dr. A. Webster, D. Bowers and P. M. Pearson.

Letters were read from Rev. C. Springer and Lewis Browning, Fraternal Messengers, from Muskingum Conference, Methodist Church. Communications were also read from L. J. Cox, Sr., T. M. Bryan, H. P. Jordan, John Morgan, J. E. T. Ewell and Chas. W. Button, Esq.

Conference adjourned with benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING, March 11.

Religious services conducted by Rev. J. E. Darby.

Minutes read and approved.

The examination of official character was resumed. The case of Rev. Jno. Elderdice, was referred to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, recommended the following brethren, who were received: H. C. Hayghe, O. O. B Strayer, J. G. Hutsler, J. L. Straughn, W. C. Ames, S. G. Valliant, W. H. Lane, I. T. Adkins, Amon Richards, Henry Bruner, Frank T. Tagg and W. A. Crouse. W. J. Floyd was placed in hands of the President.

Report of the Committee on Necessities and Requests of Circuits and Stations, was adopted, as follows:

1st. To change the name of Salem, Penn., to Montgomery Avenue Station, Philadelphia.

2nd. To unite Severn and Anne Arundel Circuits.

3rd. To set off Newtown as a Station.

4th. To form a Circuit of Quinton, Friendship, Narzereth and Wesley Chapel, to be called Pocomoke.

The Committee on Literature reported, recommending the acceptance of the invitation of the Principal of the Western Maryland College, to attend a Literary Entertainment at that Institution, on Saturday afternoon at 2½ o'clock. Adopted.

The Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications and Visitations reported, recommending the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the President is hereby authorized and requested, to designate some member of this body as pastor for the Church in Montgomery Ala., if in his judgment such designation can be made consistently with the claims of the Churches in our own district, and the minister thus designated shall, if he accept the appointment, be left without an appointment in this district, at his own request.

Dr. J. J. Murray introduced Rev. Oliver Lowther, Fraternal Messenger from Western Virginia Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, and also Rev. S. S. Roszell, D. D., Rev. J. B. Petherbridge, M. D. and Rev. W. V. Tudor, Fraternal Messengers from

the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church South. The time selected for the purpose having arrived, all the Fraternal Messengers present addressed the Conference.

Conference adjourned with benediction by the President.

FRIDAY, 2½ o'clock.

Conference opened with devotional exercises by Rev. Dr. Nichols.

A report from the Western Maryland College was read, and referred to the Committee on Literature. The President and Drs. Murray and Webster, responded to the Fraternal Messengers, whose greetings were offered during the morning session.

The following report from the Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications and Visitations, was adopted :

1. *Resolved*, That we have heard with great pleasure the kind greetings of the Fraternal Messengers from the Pittsburg Conference of the Methodist Church, viz: Rev. Wm. Collier, D. D., Rev. John Cowl, Rev. John Scott, D. D., Rev. T. H. Colhouer and W. H. Rinehart, Esq. Reciprocating most heartily the expressions of brotherly love that have fallen from their lips, and desiring to convey to their constituents our best wishes for their personal welfare, and the success of their labors in preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ, we hereby authorize and request the President of our Conference, to appoint Fraternal Messengers to the next Annual Conference of the Pittsburg District, Methodist Church.

2. *Resolved*, That we have been gratified and cheered by the steadfastness with which our brethren in West Virginia adhere to the Church of their choice and love. We congratulate them upon the success that has rewarded their self-sacrificing labors to promote the kingdom of Christ and maintain the integrity of their organization. We rejoice with them in the indications of increasing prosperity, and pray that they may be favored with the continued smiles of the Great Head of the Church. We tender to their Fraternal Messenger, Rev. O. Lowther, the assurance of our love and esteem; and as an evidence of our regard for the body which he represents, we authorize and request the President to appoint Fraternal Messengers from this body, to communicate our sentiments, to the next Annual Conference of the West Virginia District, Methodist Protestant Church.

3. *Resolved*, That the fraternal visit of Rev. S. S. Roszel, D. D. Rev. John Petherbridge, M. D., and Rev. W. V. Tudor, of the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church South, is highly appreciated by this body. We tender to them and the Conference they represent, the assurance of our fraternal regard; and pray that they may be blessed with abundant success in the great work of spreading scriptural holiness through the land.

Resolved, That in reciprocation of the courtesy of the Baltimore Conference, the President is hereby authorized and requested to appoint Fraternal Messengers to convey our salutations to the members of that body at their next session.

The Committee have also had under consideration, communications from Rev. Cornelius Springer, Rev. J. S Thrap and bro. Lewis Browning, Fraternal Messengers of the Muskingum Conference of the Methodist Church, and the resolutions of the Ohio Conference, of the same Church, in relation to the union of the Methodist Church and our own. Touching these subjects, we submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Conference, appreciating the Christian feeling which prompted the Muskingum Conference of the Methodist Church to inaugurate fraternal intercourse, and desiring to promote peace, confidence and love among all the followers of our common Lord and Saviour, and especially among all those who are so nearly assimilated to ourselves in doctrine and ecclesiastical arrangements, do hereby authorize and request the President to represent this body in the next Muskingum Conference of the Methodist Church.

Resolved, That the presence of brothers Springer, Thrap and Browning, would have been highly gratifying to the members of this Conference. We regret that they were prevented from executing their commissions; and tender to them our Christian regards, with our prayers, that grace, mercy and peace may be multiplied unto them.

Resolved, That the rupture of our Ecclesiastical ties was never desired by this Conference. We did whatever commended itself to our judgment to prevent such a result; and deplored it when accomplished. We assure our brethren in the West, who declare that the act of separation (as we regarded it) was only an act "suspending official intercourse," that we will place no obstacle in the way of resuming such intercourse, when they, shall desire to be represented again in the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, but on the contrary, will hail with gladness the appearance of representatives from all parts of the country. It behoves us,

however, to say that a union of two distinct Ecclesiastical Bodies, such as the Methodist Protestant Church and the Methodist Church can be effected only by negotiation, carried on by commissioners representing the General Conference or Convention of the Churches severally.

The Maryland Conference is but an integral part of the Methodist Protestant Church, and as such, can only act in connection with sister Conferences from which it has no desire to be separated. The continuance of fraternal intercourse will tend to the removal of misunderstandings and may result ultimately in that unity of sentiment (respecting questions which now divide us) that will make organic unity, not only desirable, but practicable ; and for this result we will hope and pray.

JOHN J. MURRAY, Chairman.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made a report which was referred to the committee on Sabbath Schools.

Dr. Murray read the report of the Book Concern, which was referred to the committee on Literature.

Committee on Pulpit Services made a report.

Conference closed with benediction, by Dr. Webster.

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SATURDAY MORNING.

Conference opened with religious services, by Rev. A. W. Mather.

A paper presented by the President was referred to the committee on Missions.

The committee on the President's Annual Communication made a report, the first item of which was laid on the table, and the following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Quarterly Conferences of the several Circuits, and male members' meetings in Stations, be, and they are hereby requested in the appointment of Stewards or financial agents to select the most active and earnest men for office.

Resolved 2. That, they pay their ministers monthly or, at least quarterly, and that they pay up in full to date, and not allow one quarter's dues to be thrown forward upon another, thus leaving the burden of finance to be brought up at the end of the year.

Resolved 3. That these resolutions of request be published in the *Methodist Protestant*, in some prominent column, and that Superintendents be

requested to bring them to the attention of the official bodies of their charges, respectively.

2nd Item. We recommend that the Lay Members of this Conference, meet in Convention during this session, that in their combined judgment, they may perfect some measures which may tend to correct the evils deprecated.

3rd. Your Committee earnestly recommend that the name of Rev. John Elderdice be placed upon the superannuated list, to date from the last session of Conference.

4th. The Committee heartily endorse the recommendation for the continuance of the College Agent.

A letter from Rev. George R. Barr, Fraternal Messenger, from Holston Conference M. P. Church, was read; and also, a communication from Rev. J. H. Paddock, Fraternal Messenger from Pennsylvania Conference, M. P. Church. Rev. John Paris, Fraternal Messenger from North Carolina Conference, M. P. Church, was introduced, and presented the greetings of the body which he represented.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made the following additional report: which was adopted. For Deacons' Orders, Charles McF. Thompson, David L. Greenfield and Wm. H. Lane; and for Elders Orders, James C. Stewart, H. E. Miskimmon, A. W. Mather and J. E. Darby.

Sabbath morning was selected as the time for the ordination of Deacons, and Sabbath night for ordination of Elders.

Rev. R. S. Norris presented a paper which was referred to a special committee, as follows:

R. S. Norris, Dr. D. F. Ewell and Roland Bevans.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed a committee to devise means for the publication of the Minutes of the Conference: D. Bowers, D. F. Ewell and J. W. Richardson.

The following additional report from the Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications, &c., was adopted:

Resolved, That the Conference has heard with interest the letter from Rev. G. R. Barr, President of the Holston Conference, and Fraternal Messenger of that body, also the letter from J. H. Paddock, Fraternal Messenger from Pennsylvania Conference, both of the M. P. Church. We regret

the inability of these brethren to meet with us at the present session ; we reciprocate their expressions of brotherly regard. and assure them and their Conferences that they have our cordial wishes for their prosperity.

Resolved, That the presence of Rev. John Paris, Fraternal Messenger of the North Carolina Conference, affords us sincere gratification. Our hands have been strengthened by the firm adherence of his Conference to our cherished principles of Ecclesiastical Economy ; and our hearts have been cheered by the tidings of prosperity which have reached us from time to time, from that direction. May God continue to bless our brethren in North Carolina, and everywhere.

Resolved, That the President is hereby authorized and requested to appoint Fraternal Messengers to the Holston, Penn., and North Carolina Conferences.

J. J. MURRAY, Chairman,

Paper presented by Dr. Murray, was referred to the committee on Bible Cause.

Papers from P. E. Kent, on President's Parsonage, were referred to the following committee. H. C. Cushing, D. A. Shermer and Frederick Etchison.

Conference adjourned.

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MONDAY MORNING.

Conference opened with devotional exercises, by Rev. W. G. Holmes.

Proceedings of Saturday read and approved.

Report of committee on Temperance, was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee beg leave to report, that after having duly considered the subject, they know of nothing better to offer than the resolutions which were adopted last Conference on that subject :

1st. Resolved, That this Conference continues to recognize the Temperance reform as one of the most important auxiliaries of the great work of the Christian ministry, which is to save men from sin and prepare them for Heaven, into which nothing that is unholy can enter.

2d. Resolved, That we will personally discountenance, by precept and example, the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beve-

rage, and will earnestly endeavor to induce all within the reach of our influence to do the same.

3d. Resolved, That the ministers of this Conference be, and they are hereby recommended to preach at least once during the year, in each of their congregations, on this subject.

4th. Resolved, That renewed efforts be made to increase the number and efficiency of the Juvenile Temperance Societies within the bounds of our work.

D. E. REESE, Chairman.

Committee on President's salary was appointed, as follows: E. J. Drinkhouse, M. E. Hysore and Gaven Spence..

On motion of J. T. Murray, it was

Resolved, That when we adjourn to organize the Electoral College, it will be with the understanding that, the Conference resume its sessions, while the tellers are engaged in counting the ballots, the Conference and College alternating until the delegation shall have been elected.

Committee on the Church in Charleston, South Carolina, made a report which was adopted, as follows:

We recommend that the Conference pass the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That we are gratified to hear so satisfactorily from our good brethren in Charleston, S. C., and we assure them of our continued confidence and regard.

Resolved, That a certificate of Life Membership in the superannuated Fund Society be sent to their Pastor, Rev. Francis Brown, as a testimonial of our high appreciation of his pastoral fidelity. We further recommend that, a letter, signed by the President and Secretary of this Conference, be forwarded to brother Brown.

A. WEBSTER, Chairman.

Rev. T. D. Valliant, presented to the Conference a cane, formerly the property of Rev. W. T. Wright, from W. T. Wright, Esq., of Brazil, to be kept in the President's Parsonage. The President received it with appropriate remarks.

On motion of Rev. W. C. Lipsecomb, the thanks of the Conference were tendered to W. T. Wright, Esq., for the manifestation of love and good will in the presentation just made.

Rev. John Miller, of the M. E. Church, was introduced to the Conference.

Report of the committee on Necessities and Requests of Circuits and Stations, was taken up, and after having been amended, was adopted, as follows: The name of Hereford Circuit was changed to Black Rock; Union Chapel was detached from Salisbury's Mission and attached to Pocomoke Circuit.

Rev. S. T. Graham was appointed Post-master to the Conference. Conference adjourned with benediction.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. John Roberts.

Dr. A. Webster was left without an appointment at his own request, and Rev. A. Baker was granted a supernumerary relation.

A letter from Rev. R. H. Wills was read to the Conference.

The following item from report of Committee on Necessities and Requests of Circuits and Stations was amended and adopted:

That East Baltimore and Washington St. Stations be united, and be called Baltimore City Station, to be supplied with two preachers; provided, that the President is not to understand that the Conference would endorse the appointment to said Station, of any minister who has filled his constitutional term in either East Baltimore or Washington St. Station.

Rev. W. W. Reese was left without an appointment at his own request.

Dr J. J. Murray offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the missionary appropriations for the ensuing year, be confined to the aggregate of \$3500.00, of this sum, \$300.00 shall be used to pay deficiencies; and the Committee shall assess the amount to the several charges.

The report of committee on Bible Cause, was amended and adopted, as follows:

1st. That we regard the general distribution of the Bible as a most potent means of extending the Kingdom of Christ, and believe it to be the duty of every Christian to contribute as God may give him ability to aid in the circulation of the Holy Scriptures.

2nd. That we recognize the eminent propriety of the use of the Bible in the Public Schools of the State, and enter our most earnest protest against any attempt to exclude it therefrom.

3rd. That we have confidence in the management of the Maryland State Bible Society, and recommend the co-operation of our Churches with said Society in the good work in which it is engaged.

4th. That we enjoin upon our Superintendents the duty of lifting a collection in aid of the Bible Cause, at such time during the year as in their judgment may be best suited to the purpose.

5th. That the funds raised in Maryland, for the Bible Cause, be brought to Conference and placed in the hands of a Committee, who shall pay them to the agent of the Maryland State Bible Society, as the contributions of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

6th. That the fund raised shall be applied to the making of Life Directors or Life Members of the Bible Society; the Committee on Bible Cause being authorized to name the persons on whom this honor shall be conferred in cases where the contributors fail to claim this benefit.

7th. That the funds now credited to our Church be applied as follows:

For Life Directors:—Rev. S. B. Southerland, D. D., President of the Maryland Annual Conference, and Rev. John Roberts.

For Life Members:—Revs. W. T. Dumm and H. C. Cushing and Wm. H. Griffith, Esq.

8th. That a Committee on the Bible Cause be added to the list of Standing Committees.

Resolved, That this Conference recognize in the operations of the Maryland Tract Society a work of vast proportions and inestimable benefit, commanding itself to the sympathy and support of our Churches.

J. T. MURRAY, Chairman.

The committee on Itinerancy and Orders, recommend that Rev. Samuel Clawson be left in the hands of the President, adopted.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the invaluable gift of the Sabbath, a momento of the finished work of Creation and of the sublime work of Redemption, demands of every Christian grateful observance, the avoiding of whatever would interfere with the sacred devotion that becomes it, and zealous concern for its preservation against the efforts of the ungodly to pervert it to weekly recurring dissipation and revelries, and thus change the blessing to a curse.

Resolved, That it is important in arrangements for Camp-meetings that their Superintendents discountenance, and as far as possible prevent their being made occasions for Sunday Steamboat and Railroad excursions by

parties who, under cover of conveying persons to Camp would defeat the religious designs of such meeting.

D. A. SHERMER,
HENRY RICE.

A paper from Cecil Circuit was referred to a Committee, as follows: R. S. Norris, D. Bowers and R. Bevans.

Conference adjourned.

TUESDAY MORNING, March 15.

Religious services conducted by Rev. John E. Darby.

The Official Character of every ministerial member of the Conference was passed without objection.

Report of Committee on paper from Cecil Circuit was taken up, and the whole subject was referred to the Quarterly Conference of said Circuit.

Committee on President's Parsonage made a report, which was adopted, and on motion, P. E. Kent, Esq., was continued as agent.

The committee on Statistics made a report, which was adopted.

The following offered by J. T. Murray, was adopted:

Resolved, That the resolutions on page 28 of the minutes of the last Annual Conference, referring to elections be rescinded.

On motion, the action in respect to the union of East Baltimore and Washington St. Stations, was reconsidered and rescinded.

The committee to devise means for the publication of the Minutes, made a report, which was amended and adopted, as follows:

That Selby & Dulany be selected as publishers—that Rev. J. M. Holmes, be appointed a Committee to collect the required funds, and authority be given to the Secretary to insert advertisements if there should be a deficiency in the sum obtained.

The committee on Literature made a report, which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

The committee on Literature beg leave to report to the Maryland Annual Conference, as follows :

1. Your Committee have examined and considered the report, and accompanying statements of the Book Directory, and find that the Book Concern is in a healthy condition, and that the prospects of our Church paper are brightening. During the past year the Directory have reduced the price of the paper from Three Dollars to Two Dollars *per annum*. The propriety of this measure is shown by the figures contained in the report, from which it appears that the increase in the number of subscribers during the past year, was one thousand one hundred and fifty-four (1,154.) Your Committee would express their approval of this reduction in price, and recommend in view of this fact, increased exertion on the part of our ministry and laity in extending the circulation of the Church Paper.

Your Committee approve also of the selection of Rev. A. Webster, D. D., to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Rev. T. D. Valiant from Baltimore City, and recommend confirmation thereof by this Conference.

The Directors express the hope that they will be judged by the Conference to have performed their part in the arrangements for "pains-taking economy and mutual sacrifices," which judgment your Committee deem but proper in recognition of the facts and figures set forth in the report, and, therefore, respectfully recommend as the sense of this Conference. Your Committee would here express their high appreciation of the valuable services of Rev. A. Webster, D. D. John J. Murray, D. D. and Daniel Bowers, the Advisory Committee appointed by the Directory, upon whom almost the entire labor of last year devolved, as also their hearty approval and endorsement of the editorial conduct and management of the paper.

Your Committee have had under consideration, the frequently repeated suggestion of the employment of an editor who may devote his entire time to the care and management of the paper, but in consideration of the approaching Convention, deem it expedient to refer the subject to that body, with the recommendation to the Directory, that in the meanwhile they make such arrangements for the editorial conduct and management of the paper as they may deem proper.

2. Your Committee have also examined and considered the report of the Trustees of the Western Maryland College and the accompanying report of the Local Executive Committee to the Trustees. From these papers it appears that the value of the College property is \$24,192.98, and that the

amount of present indebtedness, including interest to date, is \$21,589.53. From this amount of indebtedness, however, should be deducted the amount collected by our worthy and efficient agent Rev. P. L. Wilson. Estimating this amount as at least \$8,400, the actual indebtedness is only \$13,189.53, and the clear unencumbered value of the property \$11,003.45. This is the amount that we have now in the College.

It also appears from the statistics of the session just ended, that the total receipts for the past session were \$5,353.98, and the total expenses including interest on debt \$5,204.33, the receipts of the session being \$149.65 over and above the expenses. This is certainly an encouraging exhibit. It also appears that the patronage of the College from abroad has largely increased.

In view of these facts and figures, your Committee agree with the Board of Trustees in their conviction that the College is in a fair way to become extensively useful, and that there can be no doubt of its ultimate success, provided its friends persevere in the plans already laid for its establishment—especially that of the worthy and efficient agent appointed by the Conference at its last session.

Although no formal report of our College agent has yet been made to the Conference, his labors and success are well known, and your Committee respectfully recommend that an agent of the Maryland Annual Conference be appointed for the coming year, whose duty it shall be to travel through the bounds of the Maryland District, and when it can be done consistently with his duties here, in other States and through other Conferences to present the claims of, and solicit subscriptions for the Western Maryland College. This appointment we deem more than ever proper and necessary. It is more important that the Conference should have such an agent in behalf of the College now, having succeeded thus far, than it was at the outset. The first year of the labors of our agent is well known to have been one of financial distress and very unfavorable to such an enterprise. Your Committee think that the progress made and the measures of success had in the growth and management of the College, justify a belief in its still further progress and ultimate entire success.

3. Your Committee have had under consideration a design for the formation of an Educational Endowment Society, the object of which shall be to accumulate funds for the purpose of paying salaries and other expenses of the present College, or of any other College or Institution of Learning, within the jurisdiction of the Maryland Annual Conference, so that the same may be always under the control and management of this Conference. The design is one that we suppose will commend itself to all those who desire to see the greatest success of our beloved Church

and your Committee, therefore, recommend the formation of such a society. And they present herewith a certificate of incorporation, together with a Constitution and By-Laws for the organization and management thereof, and recommend the adoption of the same.

J. THOS MURRAY, Chairman.

The Report of the Conference Steward was adopted.

The committee on Missions made a report pending the discussion of which Conferencee adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened with religious services, conducted by Rev. D. Wilson.

Report of committee on Missions was taken up and after being amended, was adopted, as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

I. CHANGES OF RELATION AND NEW FIELDS.

- 1 Kent Island mission to be made a Circuit.
- 2 St. Michael's Circuit to be made a mission.
- 3 Montgomery Avenue Station Philadelphia, to be made a mission to be called Montgomery Avenue Mission.
- 4 Lewistown, Woodvale and Catoctin Furnace to be set off as a mission, to be called Lewistown Mission.

II. APPROPRIATIONS.

1 Broadway mission.....	\$400 00
2 Montgomery Avenue, Philadelphia.....	650 00
3 Alexandria.....	500 00
4 Ninth Street Washington.....	450 00
5 Patapsco.....	300 00
6 Tyaskin, provided they purchase certain property.....	300 00
7 Harpers Ferry.....	200 00
8 Salisbury, provided they build a Church.....	300 00
9 St. Michaels.....	300 00
10 Williamsport and Berkley.....	100 00
11 Lower Sussex.....	100 00
12 Potomac, if supplied with a married preacher.....	100 00
13 Lewistown, if supplied from the Conference.....	100 00
14 Choptank, no appropriation.....	
15 East Washington, no appropriation.....	
16 Newark, no appropriation.....	
17 Harmony, no appropriation.....	
18 Frederick City, referred to Jefferson Benevolent Society.....	
19 To pay deficiencies	300 00

III. ASSESSMENTS.

STATIONS.		KENNEDYVILLE.	
Baltimore, East.....	\$100 00	Liberty	\$ 30 00
Baltimore, West.....	180 00	Milton.....	80 00
Baltimore, South.....	30 00	Somerset.....	20 00
Lexington Street.....	100 00	Stewartstown.....	60 00
Starr Chuch.....	100 00	Pipe Creek.....	90 00
Washington Street.....	40 00	Queen Anne's.....	150 00
Broadway.....	100 00	Snow Hill.....	70 00
Georgetown, D. C.....	180 00	Whaleyville.....	20 00
Laurel, Del.....	50 00	Sussex.....	40 00
Centreville.....	60 00	Susquehanna.....	20 00
Salem.....	30 00	Talbot.....	60 00
Cumberland.....	30 00	Union.....	100 00
Newtown.....	20 00	Warwick.....	40 00
CIRCUITS.		POCOMOKE.	
Anne Arundel and Severn...	120 00		MISSIONS.
Baltimore.....	50 00	Montgomery Avenue, Phila.	100 00
Bel Air.....	150 00	Alexandria	60 00
Bedford.....	60 00	Ninth St., Washington.....	70 00
Clarksville.....	30 00	Patapsco.....	30 00
Caroline	40 00	Tyaskin.....	30 00
Cambridge	30 00	Harpers Ferry.....	30 00
Cecil	40 00	Salisbury	30 00
Chesapeake	30 00	St. Michaels.....	30 00
Concord	20 00	Williamsport and Berkeley.	30 00
Dorchester	30 00	Lower Sussex.....	20 00
Frederick	60 00	Potomac	20 00
Finksburg.....	30 00	Lewistown.....	20 00
Black Rock.....	20 00	Choptank	20 00
Howard.....	60 00	East Washington.....	100 00
Jefferson.....	40 00	Newark.....	20 00
Leipsic.....	60 00	Harmony.....	30 00
Kent.....	180 00	Frederick City.....	00 00

Conference adjourned to meet at half-patt seven o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION.

After the usual religious exercises, the committee on Superannuated Claimants made a report, which was laid over under the rule.

The following additional report from the Committee on Literature, was adopted :

Resolved, That Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, L. J. Cox, Jr., Dr. J. W. Herring, Rev. D. W. Bates, and Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, M. D., are hereby requested to incorporate themselves as a Board of Trustees of the Educational Endowment Society of the Maryland Annual Conference according to the act of incorporation adopted by the Conference.

Conference adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Conference opened with religious services, conducted by Rev. James M. Elderdice. Minutes read and approved. Conference adjourned to permit the Conference Missionary Society to hold its session.

When the labors of Conference were resumed, the report of Committee on Sabbath Schools was taken up, amended, and adopted as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report concerning the Sabbath School interest and work in the Maryland District :

1. THE PRESENT STATUS OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.—There are now in this Conference District 1,709 schools, 1,786 teachers, 10,293 scholars, 35,116 volumes in library. It will be seen by reference to the statistics of this work for 1869, that this report is not so favorable as that of last year. Your Committee think that greater efforts should be made by our ministers and Sabbath Schools to get all our *own* children into our own schools, as well as those children whose parents are not in any church.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS. 1.—Your Committee would recommend to all our Sabbath Schools a more jealous care concerning the literature they furnish the children. Much of that which is now to be found in many of our Sabbath-school libraries is of very questionable character, and of pernicious tendency; calculated more to amuse than instruct, to excite than to feed, to vitiate than to improve the taste for that which is substantial, elevating and edifying.

The Christianity intended to be promoted by the Sunday School is that which rests on the basis of an intelligent faith. Such a basis is not to be secured by much of the current Sabbath-school literature of the day. But by a literature that comprehends, illustrates and simplifies "Bible geography, Bible biography, Bible history, Bible antiquity, Bible ethics, the grand system of moral precepts taught in the Sacred pages; and Bible Theology, that sublime scheme of doctrines" taught by our Saviour. To which might be added, volumes of travel in Bible land, volumes of Christian biography, and volumes of interesting ecclesiastical historical narrative. Such a library would be an efficient help in the accomplishment of Sabbath School work.

2. Your Committee most respectfully recommend to our next General Conference the importance of such legislation as will place the Sabbath School under the immediate control of our Book of Discipline.

3. Your Committee recommend to our people that they give encouragement and such aid as they may see fit to the agents and missionaries employed by the Maryland Sunday School Union in the State of Maryland.

4. Your Committee recommend that an Annual Conference Sabbath School Convention be held on the first Wednesday and Thursday nights during each session of our Conference, and that Rev. T. D. Valiant, be the President, and Rev. R. Scott, Norris and H. F. Zollickoffer, Vice-Presidents; and Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse the Secretary of the Convention.

Finally your Committee recommend that the officers above named, be a committee to select from year to year, such questions for discussion, and such speakers as in their judgment they may deem best.

Resolved, That the President and Vice-Presidents herein appointed, be a committee to prepare a plan of organization of a Methodist Protestant Sabbath School Union, to be located in Baltimore, and report at the next session of Conference.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

DANIEL BOWERS,

Chairman.

Report of Committee on President's salary was adopted.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That Nassawango Appointment be detached from Whaley-ville Circuit and annexed to Snow Hill Circuit.

Report of Treasurer of money for Virginia preachers, was read and adopted.

Report of Treasurer of Centenary Fund was adopted.

The Missionary Fund Steward made his report, which was adopted.
Conference adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

Conference opened with religious exercises by Rev. J. B. Jones. The following by Rev. A. D. Dick, was adopted :

Resolved, That Missionaries with no appropriations, in case of deficiency, shall have an equal claim on the Conference Stewards with Ministers who travel on circuits.

On motion,

Resolved, That the amount of the Virginia col'ections now in hand be referred to the President of the Conference, to be distributed by him. The following by Dr. Murray was passed :

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Conference are hereby clothed with full conventional powers, to act in all matters pertaining to the Constitution that may come before the General Conference for adoption, or otherwise.

Conference adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Conference opened with prayer by Rev. James M. Elderdice.

The Committee on the Interest of the Methodist Protestant Church report as follows :

In reviewing the condition of our church, they cannot be insensible to its prosperity in the bounds of our own Conference District, as evidenced by the gracious outpourings of the Holy Spirit in revivals, the erection of new churches, and the dividing and enlarging of the different fields of labor.

But while we rejoice at the evidences of prosperity in our own Conference, we cannot be indifferent to the fact that our Sister Conference of the Virginia District, that in times past stood side by side with us in disseminating the glorious truths of the Gospel and the free principles of our church, is now almost prostrate, the hands of her ministry hanging down and her membership disheartened. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the condition of the Virginia Conference commands our sympathy.

Resolved, 2. That it is of importance to our Church to retain said Conference in tact.

Resolved, 3. That our representatives to the General Conference in May 1870, be and are hereby requested to prevent as far as possible the work of disintegration in that Conference.

Resolved. 4. That we confer upon our representatives full powers in the premises to spread over them the wings of this Conference if need be to preserve them to our beloved Zion. DANIEL W. BATES. *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be, and they are hereby tendered to the citizens of Westminster and vicinity, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Conference.

T. D. VALIANT.

Report of Committee on Superannuated Claimants was adopted, as follows :

The Committee on Superannuated Claimants beg leave to submit the following report.

Mrs. T. M. Wilson.....	\$250 00
Joseph McFaden.....	650 00
H. J. Day.....	300 00
T. M. Bryan.....	400 00
John Morgan.....	400 00
Thomas Lee.....	450 00
Christian Eversole.....	650 00
Jno. W. Everist	200 00
Mrs. R. T. Boyd.....	200 00
Mrs. J. S. Reese.....	200 00
Mrs. J. Varden.....	200 00
Mrs. S. J. Rawleigh.....	200 00
Mrs. L. Collins.....	200 00
Mrs. Jos. Scull.....	200 00
Mrs. W. Roby.....	400 00
Mrs. W. Kesley.....	200 00
Mrs. W. T. Wright.....	200 00
Mrs. F. G. Wright.....	275 00
Mrs. N. S. Greenaway.....	600 00
Mrs. G. D. Hamilton.....	200 00
Mrs. I. Webster.....	200 00
Mrs. J. F. Whiteside.....	400 00
John Elderdice, (claim dating back one year by order of Conference.....	550 00
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	\$7,525 00

Signed by

R. SCOTT NORRIS,

Rev. D. Bowers asked to be left without an appointment at his own request for the purpose of serving Chatsworth Independent Methodist Church, Baltimore.

The supernumerary relation of Rev. Wm. M. Poisal was continued.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Superintendents of Circuits, Stations and Missions are hereby most earnestly requested to establish at all points under their superintendence, Home Missionary Societies, more especially in the Sabbath Schools of their respective charges.

F. J. BARTLETT,
D. BOWERS.

On motion,

Queen Ann's circuit was placed under the superintendency of the minister in charge of Centerville Station.

Committee on Collections for the publication of Minutes made a report, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be, and they are hereby tendered to the various Railroad and Steamboat Companies who have furnished free return tickets to the members in attendance upon its sessions.

H. NICE,
S. A. HOBLITZELL.

Adopted.

The following by D. W. Bates, J. K. Nichols, and others was passed.

Resolved, That we request our representatives to the General Convention to ask for the substitution of the term Pastor, to designate a preacher in charge of a church, for that of Superintendent.

A vote of thanks to the Secretaries was passed.

On motion, The action by which Kent Island was made a circuit was reconsidered and rescinded, and two hundred dollars were taken from Tyaskin, and appropriated to Kent Island.

The President read the following

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

REV. S. B. SOUTHERLAND, D. D., *President.*

STATIONS.	
East Baltimore—J. Thos. Murray.	Kent—H. C. Cushing and S. G. Valiant.
West Baltimore—J. J. Murray, D. D., Thos. McCormick, Sup.	Kennedyville—H. E. Miskimmon.
South Baltimore—James Thompson.	Liberty—F. Swentzel, M. D.
Washington Street—Jesse Shreeve.	Milton—A. T. Melvin.
Starr Church—R. Scott Norris.	Pipe Creek—D. Wilson, M. D., J. T. Ward, Sup.
Lexington Street—J. E. Read, A. Richards and H. P. Jordan, Sup. Assistants.	Pocomoke—S. T. Ferguson.
Georgetown, D. C.—L. W. Bates, D. D., W. C. Lipscomb, Sup.	Somerset—C. H. Littleton.
Laurel, Del.—W. M. Strayer.	Stewartstown—R. Whinna, one to be supplied.
Salem—O. O. B. Strayer.	Susquehanna—C. T. Cochel.
Newtown—J. E. Maloy.	Sussex—J. M. Elderdice, T. A. Moore, Sup.
Centreville—T. D. Valiant.	Talbot—D. E. Reese, D. D. and D. L. Greenfield.
Cumberland—Henry Nice.	Union—S. A. Hoblitzell.
CIRCUITS.	Warwick—D. F. Ewell M. D.
Anne Arundel and Severn—J. W. Charlton and C. M. Thompson.	Whaleyville—J. B. Jones, one to be supplied.
Belair—D. A. Shermer and J. G. Hutzler.	Queen Anne's—F. T. Tagg.
Baltimore—D. W. Bates, H. C. Hay ghe and L. J. Cox, Sup.	Snow Hill—J. T. Lassell.
Bedford—G. D. Edmonston, one to be supplied.	MISSIONS.
Black Rock—A. W. Mather.	Alexandria—B. F. Benson.
Clarksville—J. E. Darby.	Broadway—J. R. Nichols.
Caroline—Samuel Clawson.	Choptank—W. G. Holmes.
Cambridge—Wm. H. Lane.	East Washington—Jos. P. Wilson.
Cecil—A. S. Eversole, M. D., and Henry Bruner.	Ninth Street, Washington—E. J. Drinkhouse, M. D.
Chesapeake—J. W. Gray.	Newark, N. J.—W. S. Hammond.
Concord—W. A. Crouse.	Potomac—W. C. Ames.
Dorchester—S. T. Graham, one to be supplied.	Harmony—J. E. T. Ewell, M. D.
Frederick—W. T. Dumm, A. Baker, Sup.	St. Micheals—J. M. Holmes, W. M. Poisal, Sup.
Finksburg—J. H. Eilegood.	Lower Sussex—Isaac T. Adkins.
Howard—John Roberts, one to be supplied.	Salisbury—J. L. Mills.
Jefferson Circuit and Frederick City Mission—J. K. Nichols, D. D. and J. L. Straughn.	Tyaskin—C. O. Melvin.
Leipsic—A. D. Dick.	Harpers Ferry—M. E. Hysore.
	Patapsco—W. J. Floyd.
	Montgomery Avenue, Phila.—R. S. Rowe.
	Lewistown—J. Clay.
	Williamsport and Berkeley—J. C. Stewart.
	Kent Island—W. D. Litsinger.

Left without an appointment to serve the Methodist Protestant Church Montgomery, Ala., J. D. Kinzer.

Left without an appointment to serve Chatsworth Independent Methodist Church Baltimore, Daniel Bowers.

Left without appointments at their own request, A. Webster, D. D., and W. W. Reese.

Superannuated: J. W. Everist, John Elderdice, John Morgan, T. M. Bryan, H. J. Day, J. A. McFaden, Thomas Lee, and C. Eversole.

Conference agent for Western Maryland College, P. Light Wilson.

On motion of Rev. A. Webster, it was

Resolved, That W. J. Floyd be ordained deacon. The same motion prevailed in case of Rev. W. C. Ames. Both to be ordained at the pleasure of the President.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. J. Murray, D. D.

W. S. HAMMOND, *Secretary*.

JAMES W. THOMPSON, }
J. E. READ, } *Assistants.*

The Faculty of Instruction will furnish such information as those interested may require through the *Methodist Protestant*.

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

STATIONS.	Paid.	CIRCUITS.	Paid.
E. Baltimore Station.....	\$102 ...	Anne Arundel.....	\$120 ...
W. Baltimore Station.....	320 ...	Belair.....	160 ...
S. Baltimore Station.....	3 ...	Baltimore.....	27 ...
Washington Street.....	11 ...	Bedford.....	17 ...
Starr Church.....	83 55	Clarksville.....	10 ...
*Lexington Street.....	120 ...	Caroline.....	23 ...
Georgetown Station.....	127 ...	Cambridge.....	20 ...
Salem, Phil.....	60 ...	Cecil.....	26 20
Laurel, Del.....	50 ...	Chesapeake.....	7 ...
Centerville.....	81 ...	Concord.....	11 ...
Salem, Md.....	30 ...	Dorchester.....	6 10
Cumberland.....	20 ...	Frederick.....	25 46
* \$25 from S. School.		Finksburg.....	11 76
	\$1007 55		

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS—Continued.

CIRCUITS.

	Paid.
Hereford.....	10 ...
Howard.....	36 10
Jefferson and Frederick, Miss.....	24 ...
Leipsic	36 45
Kent	225 28
Kennedyville.....	22 75
Liberty.....	23 33
Milton.....	4 ...
Newtown.....	25 ...
Somerset.....	50 ...
Stewartstown	85 15
Pipe Creek.....	43 35
Queen Anne's.....	52 ...
Snow Hill.....	3 ...
Whaleyville.....	3 ...
Severn.....	20 ...
Sussex.....	12 50
Susquehanna.....	63 06
St. Michaels.....	7 ...
Talbot.....	82 57
Union.....	34 75
Warwick	52 90
MISSIONS.	
Alexandria.....	55 ...
Broadway.....	90 ...
Choptank.....	17 ...
East Washington.....	41 ...
Ninth Street, Washington.....	80 ...
Kent Island.....	6 ...
Lower Sussex.....	9 ...
Salisbury.....	29 78
Tyaskin.....	20 ...
Harper's Ferry.....	30 ...
Williamsport and Berkeley.....	18 50
Potomac.....	... ...
Newark.....	105 ...
Harmony	125 ...
Potapsco	12 50
Anniversary of H. M. Society.....	577 ...
Collection of Annual Fees.....	63 83
Total amount of collection.....	\$3,553 20

REPORT OF MISSIONARY FUND STEWARD.

MISSION.	Appropriation.	Paid.	Deficiency.
Alexandria.....	\$500 00	436 10	63 90
Broadway.....	400 00	348 88	51 12
Choptank.....	200 00	174 44	25 56
East Washington.....	200 00	174 44	25 56
9th Street Washington.....	450 00	392 49	57 51
Salisbury.....	100 00	87 22	12 78
Tyaskin.....	50 00	43 61	6 39
Harper's Ferry.....	200 00	174 44	25 56
Williamsport and Berkeley.....	100 00	87 22	12 78
	<hr/> \$2,200 00		
President Dif. at Broadway.....		20 93	2 99
" " Potomac.....			
		<hr/> \$1,939 77	<hr/> \$284 15

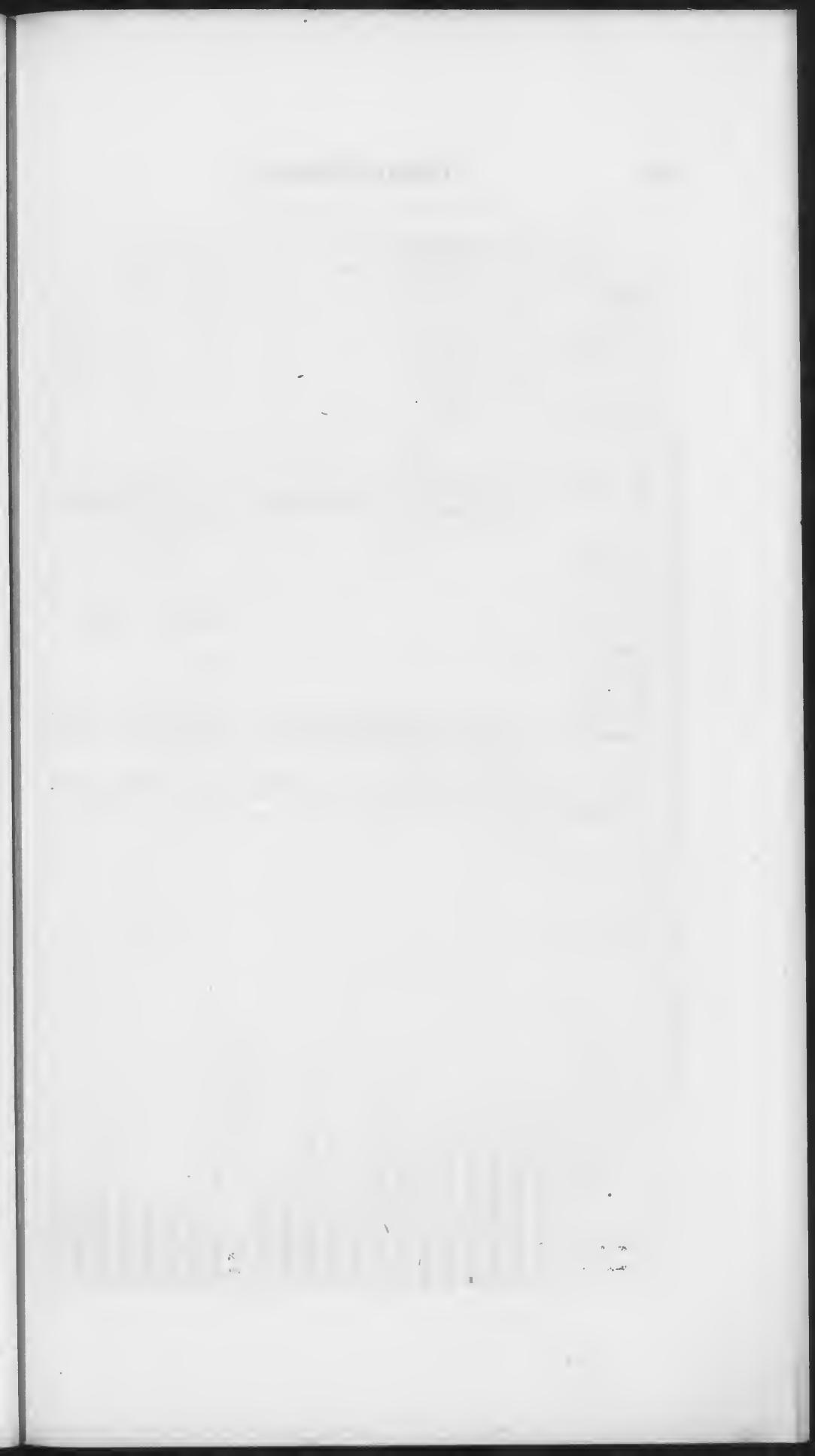
Respectfully submitted,

B. F. BENSON,
Missionary Steward.

LIST OF UNSTATION MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.

STATIONS.	MINISTERS.	LICENTIATES.
East Baltimore.....	H. T. Gernhardt.....	
West Baltimore.....	H. F. Zollickoffer.....	
Starr Church.....	W. F. Livingston.....	W. J. Floyd.
Georgetown.....	P. H. Sweet.....	
South Baltimore.....		Washington Johnson.
Washington Street.....	Geo. W. Simpson.....	
Salem, Pa.....		Charles Hera.
Salem, Md.....	J. W. Penuel.....	
CIRCUITS.	.....
Belair.....	A. H. Greenfield.....	
Bedford.....	John Growden.....	
.....		J. B. Mitchell.
.....		S. B. Foster.
Baltimore.....		J. Baughman.
.....		Thos. Robinson.
.....		Robt. Gardiner. }
Clarksville.....	H. Linthicum.....	
Caroline.....	R. W. Merrickin.....	J. Smith.

.....	I Irvin.....	J. Collison.
Cecil	Gabriel Moore.....	Joseph Price.
Chesapeake.....	.....	Howard Meeks.
Concord.....	.....	Jacob Kling.
Dorchester.....	T. Burton.....	
Frederick.....	J. Day.....	C. Purdum. }
.....	.....	G. Kindley. }
Finksburg.....	Jacob Holines.....	
Howard	Z. M. Waters	R. Van sant.
Leipsic.....	.....	John Sipple.
Liberty.....	W. H. Todd.....	
Newtown.....	Wm. Dale.....	J. H. McGrath.
Somerset .....	.....	S. H. Robertson, M. D.
.....	.....	Smith Lankford.
Stewartstown	Thos. Cathcart.....	G. W. Beatty.
Queen Anne's.....	.....	W. J. Sudler, M. D.
Sussex .....	.....	J. E. Nicholson.
Whaleyville.....	R. H. Powell.....	W. Dennis.
St. Michaels.....	.....	J. A. Robertson, M. D.
MISSIONS.		
Broadway	John Davis.....	
Newark.....	Luke Morris.....	Daniel Smith.
East Washington.....	T. G. Clayton.....	
Ninth St. Washington....	Oliver Cox. } N. Lemon. }	
Williamsport & Berkeley.	John Light.....	
Harper's Ferry.....	.....	Geo. C. Carothers.
Salisbury.....	.....	C. W. Dennis.
Harmony.....	.....	P. W. Bowden.
Respectfully submitted,		R. S. ROWE, Com.



REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARD.

STATIONS.	Collection.	Salary of Su- perintend- ent.		Salary of As- sistant.		Parsonage Rent.	A m o u n t Paid.	From other sources.	\$	Claim.	\$	Paid.
		\$	75	\$	6							
Georgetown.....	\$45 75	\$1500	...	\$6	...	\$1500	...	\$6	...	...	...	...
East Baltimore.....	15 70	1500	...	...	...	1500	...	...	...	...	...	...
West Baltimore.....	26 49	1600	...	...	...	1600	...	...	...	...	...	...
South Baltimore.....	1 70	800	...	...	...	715	...	25	60 00	15 90	...	...
Starr Church.....	6 82	1100	...	...	...	1100	...	...	...	...	...	...
Washington Street.....	3 80	800	...	...	240	884 28	...	...	155 72	41 29	...	...
Salem, Pennsylvania.....	3 13	900	...	...	300	1200	...	...	...	...	...	...
Laurel.....	1 21	700	...	...	...	700	...	...	...	...	...	...
Salem, Maryland.....	1 ...	350	...	...	...	350	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lexington Street.....	6 85	800	...	...	...	800	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cumberland.....	7 ...	600	...	...	...	600	...	...	...	...	...	...
Centreville.....	3 90	800	...	...	...	800	...	...	...	...	...	...
CIRCUITS.												
Anne Arundel.....	5 ...	850	...	...	...	850	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bel-Air.....	2 62	850	...	\$ 200	...	1050	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baltimore.....	10 ...	800	...	200	160	1160	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bedford.....	2 32	600	...	...	...	600	...	...	...	...	...	...
Clarksville.....	2 ...	448	...	...	90	538	...	...	...	...	...	...
Caroline.....	3 73	410	...	110	...	520	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cambridge.....	3 25	600	...	...	...	329	...	No clm	...	...	...	...
Cecil.....	3 90	450	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Chesapeake	\$ 2 74	\$500	\$.....	\$ 500	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
Concord.....	4 60	500	.....	300	.....	No clm	.....
Dorchester.....	9 25	700	... 150	783	.....	"	.....
Frederick	3 65	700	... 200	864 17	.....	35 83	9 50
Finksburg	6 65	640	.....	508	.....	132	25 ..
Howard.....	6 35	650	... 200	527	... 80	243	64 44
Hereford	1 ...	200	.....	200	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson Ct. and Frederick M.....	5 70	900	... 200	.....	.....	No clm.	.....
Kent.....	19 52	1100	... 200	1300	.....	.....	.....
Kennedyville.....	4 62	300	.....	300	.....	.....	.....
Liberty.....	4 83	800	.....	*800	.....	.....	.....
Leipsic	3 85	623	.....	127	652 63	97 37	25 82
Milton	1 47	300	.....	300	.....	.....	.....
Newtown.....	5 19	700	.....	700	.....	.....	.....
Pipe Creek.....	24 74	850	.....	850	.....	.....	.....
Queen Anne.....	2 50	250	.....	252	.....	.....	.....
Snow Hill.....	1 38	620	.....	433 58	.....	186 42	49 42
Severn.....	2 ...	500	.....	360	... 40	100	26 52
Sussex.....	3 70	600	.....	270	... 30	300	79 56
Susequehanna	5 30	600	.....	600	.....	.....	.....
St. Michaels.....	2 50	200	.....	172	.....	28	7 42
Somerset.....	6 ...	835	.....	835	.....	.....	.....
Stewartstown	14 31	650	... 200	850	.....	.....	.....
Talbot	18 47	800	... 200	930	.....	70	18 56
Union.....	7 ...	550	.....	507	.....	No clm.	.....
Warwick.....	2 50	800	.....	800	.....	.....	.....
Whaleyville	1 ...	500	.....	500	.....	.....	.....

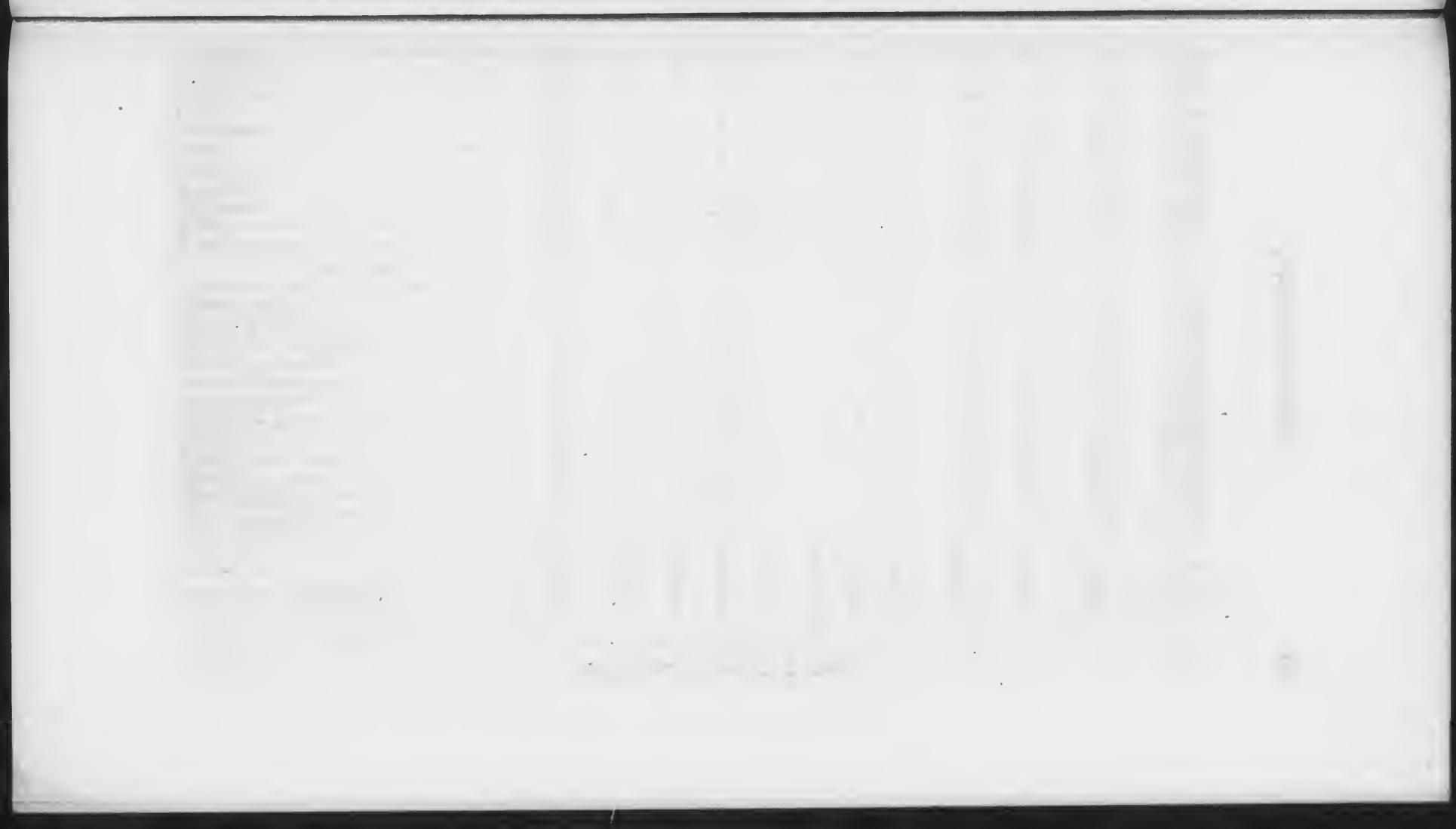
REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARD-Concluded.

STATIONS.	Collection	Salary of Superintendant.	Salary of Assistant.	Pars'g Rent.	Amount Paid.	Other sourc's	Claim.	Paid.
MISSIONS.								
Alexandria.....	\$ 3 ...	\$ 900 ...	\$	.....	Pd. by Mission			
Broadway.....	1 61	800	...	.....	\$400	...	.....	.....
Cheoptank.....	3 20	325	...	.....	800	...	.....	.....
East Washington.....	7 50	750	...	.....	325	...	.....	.....
Ninth Street, Washington.....	4 ...	1000	...	.....	730	...	80	.....
Newark.....	10 ...	1200	...	.....	550	...	.....	.....
Harmony.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	1200	...	.....	.....
Harper's Ferry.....	3 20	300	...	.....	110	...	.....	.....
Kent Island.....	5 50	400	...	.....	400	...	.....	.....
Lower Sussex.....	3 11	350	...	.....	174 79	...	.....	.....
Salisbury.....	3 61	600	...	.....	530 30	...	.....	.....
Tiaskin.....	1 50	225	...	.....	225	...	.....	.....
Williamsport and Berkley.....	2 75	600	...	.....	500	...	40	.....
Potomac.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Patapsco.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charleston, South Carolina.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
District.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 75	6 28
Collection.....	379 72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Claim.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	432 09	.....	.....
Paid.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	379 72	.....
Salary of District.....	.....	+\$40,486	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Average payment per member.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 63	.....	.....	.....
Percentage.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 52	.....

† This includes \$200 00 probably paid by Harmony Mission.

* This includes \$80 00 from other sources.

J. CLAY, Conference Steward.



STATISTICS.

STATIONS.	Members.	Probation- ers.	Ministers.	Preachers.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Col'd Mem- bers.	Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Value of Church Property.
East Baltimore.....	259	14	1	0	1	1	0	1	25	125	500	\$21,000
West Baltimore.....	181	12	1	0	1	1	0	1	14	150	562	25,000
South Baltimore.....	134	6	0	1	1	1	0	1	15	80	500	10,000
Washington Street.....	146	12	1	0	1	0	0	1	24	326	390	13,200
Starr Church.....	318	28	1	1	1	1	0	2	30	245	500	40,000
Lexington Street.....	81	16	0	0	1	0	1	1	25	200	755	15,000
Georgetown.....	339	28	1	0	1	1	0	1	33	370	1200	40,000
Salem, Philadelphia.....	122	19	0	1	1	0	0	1	22	244	1000	13,000
Laurel, Delaware.....	75	...	0	0	1	0	0	1	18	50	425	8,000
Centreville, Maryland.....	68	...	0	0	1	1	0	1	8	48	400	9,000
Salem, Maryland.....	60	...	1	0	1	0	0	1	12	50	100	4,000
Cumberland.....	87	5	0	0	1	1	0	1	17	147	300	8,000
Charleston, South Carolina.....	...	0	0	0	1	0	327	1	7	63	245	3,000
CIRCUITS.												
Anne Arundel.....	143	7	0	0	5	1	0	2	21	124	400	10,000
Bel-Air	400	37	1	0	7	1	0	6	60	300	1150	18,000
Baltimore.....	320	21	0	5	5	0	0	7 ¹ ₂	70	300	900	10,000
Bedford.....	186	14	1	0	5	1	0	7	61	300	800	4,936
Clarksville	70	...	0	1	2	0	0	1	10	30	100	5,000
Caroline	281	...	2	2	5	1	0	4	20	230	800	5,000
Cambridge	78	18	0	0	2	0	0	2	18	90	250	1,000
Cecil.....	267	50	1	1	7	1	0	5	51	230	875	8,800
Chesapeake.....	86	6	0	1	2	1	0	2	14	19	500	7,000
Concord.....	140	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	...	1,800
Dorchester	289	24	1	0	5	1	0	7	46	200	300	8,000

MARYLAND CONFERENCE.

Frederick.....	460	30	1	2	7	1	0	7	75	560	775	\$11,000
Finksburg.....	221	19	1	0	6	0	0	5	64	268	795	11,000
Hereford.....	39	2	0	0	1½	0	0	1½	17	115	400	600
Howard.....	203	31	1	1	7	1	0	6	60	260	550	11,000
Jefferson Circuit and Fred'rick Mission	152	19	0	0	4	1	0	4	64	258	1000	15,000
Leipsic.....	173	34	0	1	4	0	0	4	31	200	550	6,500
Kent.....	238	48	0	0	2	1	0	2	42	204	1000	10,000
Kennedyville.....	134	15	0	0	2	0	0	2	16	161	786	6,000
Liberty.....	280	48	2	0	5	1	2	5	70	250	1000	10,000
Milton.....	212	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	28	200	720	1,500
Newtown.....	276	2	1	1	5	1	0	4	26	150	483	8,000
Pipe Creek.....	330	48	0	0	4	1	0	4	40	225	1200	30,000
Queen Anne's.....	110	0	1	1	3	0	0	2½	14	90	300	5,000
Somerset.....	166	21	0	2	2	0	0	2	15	100	300	3,600
Stewartstown.....	374	43	0	2	7	1	0	7	66	415	1000	8,400
Snow Hill.....	86	5	0	0	4	0	0	3	12	65	350	4,000
Severn.....	50	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	10	25	200	800
Sussex.....	92	11	0	1	3	1	0	2	20	80	800	5,500
Susquehanna.....	138	20	0	0	3	1	0	3	31	170	400	9,000
St. Michaels.....	83	14	0	1	2	0	0	2	17	78	724	4,000
Talbot.....	160	30	0	0	4	1	0	8	15	140	900	12,000
Union.....	240	0	0	0	4	1	0	4	30	150	300	3,500
Warwick.....	194	70	0	0	3	1	0	3	32	235	1200	6,000
Whaleyville.....	286	19	1	1	9	0	0	4	30	200	500	5,000
MISSIONS.												
Alexandria.....	72	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	16	86	366	12,000
Broadway.....	244	34	1	0	1	1	0	1	40	206	450	28,000
Choptank.....	116	26	0	0	3	1	0	3	40	190	600	8,000
East Washington.....	96	112	1	0	1	1	0	1	23	133	400	8,000
Ninth Street, Washington.....	107	4	2	0	1	1	0	1	14	80	450	38,000
Potomac.....	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....
Newark.....	186	4	1	1	1	0	0	1	37	208	740	30,000
Harmony.....	160	20	0	1	3	0	0	2	16	50	175	3,000

STATISTICS—Concluded.

MISSIONS.	Members.	Probationers.	Ministers.	Preachers.	Churches.	Personages.	Col'd Members.	Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Value of Church Property.
Kent Island.....	100	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	15	75	400	6,800
Lower Sussex.....	105	6	...	...	1	...	...	4	27	200	400	1,200
Salisbury.....	172	61	...	1	3	1	...	3	36	200	650	4,200
Tiaskin.....	100	...	...	...	2	...	...	3	13	60	100	1,000
Harper's Ferry.....	115	...	...	1	2	1	...	2	20	125	400	10,000
Williamsport and Berkley.....	150	20	1	...	6	...	2	4	40	200	800	12,000
Patapsco.....	191	42	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	....	....	2,000
Total.....	10,827	1,181	26	33	182½	35	232	170½	1786	10,292	35,116	
Itinerant Ministerial members of Conf.	92											
Grand total.....	10,919											

Respectfully submitted,

R. SEMPLE ROWE,

Committee on Statistics.

Report of Steward of Superannuated Fund Society.

STATIONS.		CIRCUITS—Continued.	
East Baltimore.....	\$35	Queen Anne's.....	3 50
West Baltimore.....	102	Snow Hill.....	3 ...
South Baltimore.....	50	Whaleyville.....	4 ...
Washington Street.....	8	Severn.....	2 04
Starr Church.....	41	Sussex.....	8 50
Lexington Street.....	7 40	Susquehanna	8 ...
Georgetown.....	62	St. Michaels.....	10 ...
Salem, Pennsylvania.....	3 25	Talbot.....	15 75
Laurel.....	4 64	Union.....	12 ...
Centreville.....	20 50	Warwick.....	26 15
Salem, Maryland.....	8	MISSIONS.	
Cumberland.....	13	Alexandria.....	13 ...
CIRCUITS.		Broadway.....	5 25
Anne Arundel.....	10	Choptank	4 ...
Bel-Air.....	38 64	East Washington.....	11 50
Baltimore.....	10 50	Ninth Street, Washington.	8 ...
Bedford	15 86	Potomac, no report.....	
Clarksville.....	5	Newark.....	20 ...
Caroline	4	Harmony.....	1 25
Cambridge.....	1	Kent Island.....	16 80
Cecil.....	8 12	Lower Sussex, no report.....	
Chesapeake	8 66	Salisbury	8 10
Concord	8 60	Tiaskin.....	6 ...
Dorchester.....	10 53	Harper's Ferry.....	3 20
Frederick.....	10 88	Williamsport and Berkeley	13 25
Finksburg.....	11 72	Patapsco.....	
Hereford.....	6 37	Total amount from District	925 89
Jefferson Ct. and Fred'k M.	10	Rec'd from Sec'y of Soc'y..	54 60
Leipsic.....	6 85	Charleston (col'd) M. P. C.	7 ...
Kent.....	114 97	In hands of Treasurer.....	2,664 94
Kennedyville.....	6 36	Received after disburse- }	
Liberty	9 25	ment last year and left }	25 ...
Milton.....	6	with Treasurer.....	
Newtown.....	10	Phebean Society, E. B. S..	5 ...
Somerset.....	10		—
Stewartstown.....	21 25	Total am't for distribution	3,712 15
Pipe Creek.....	16 05	Full amount of claims.....	8,225 ...

J. EARLE MALOY,

Steward.

Superannuated Claimants.

	Claim.	Received.
Thomas M. Wilson.....	\$450 ...	\$203 09
J. A. McFaden.....	650 ...	293 36
H. J. Day.....	400 ...	180 53
T. M. Bryan.....	400 ...	180 53
John Morgan.....	400 ...	180 53
Thomas Lee.....	450 ...	203 09
C. Eversole.....	750 ...	293 36
John W. Everist.....	200 ...	90 27
Mrs. Boyd.....	250 ...	112 83
Mrs. J. S. Reese.....	250 ...	112 83
Mrs. Varden.....	200 ...	90 27
John Elderdice.....	550 ...	248 82
Mrs. Raleigh.....	200 ...	90 27
Mrs. Collins.....	200 ...	90 27
Mrs. Schull.....	200 ...	90 27
Mrs. Roby.....	500 ...	225 66
Mrs. Kesley.....	250 ...	90 27
Mrs. W. T. Wright.....	250 ...	112 83
Mrs. F. G. Wright.....	275 ...	124 12
Mrs. Greenaway.....	600 ...	270 79
Mrs. Hamilton.....	250 ...	112 83
Mrs. Webster.....	200 ...	90 27
Mrs. Whiteside.....	500 ...	225 66
	\$8,225 00	\$3,960 37

(Per cent. .4513.)

J. EARLE MALOY,

Steward.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S SALARY.

Kent.....	\$70 00	Leipsic.....	35 00
Queen Annes.....	35 00	Kennedyville.....	25 00
Centreville.....	30 00	Kent Island.....	20 00
Finksburg.....	30 00	Lexington Street.....	40 00
Bel-Air.....	60 00	Starr Church.....	50 00
Susquehanna	30 00	Williamsport and Berkeley.	20 00
Pipe Creek.....	90 00	Tiaskin.....	10 00
Georgetown.....	85 00	Lower Sussex.....	10 00
East Washington,.....	25 00	Harmony.....	15 00
Anne Arundel and Severn..	70 00	Cecil	40 00
Alexandria.....	40 00	Howard.....	50 00
Concord.....	25 00	Clarksville.....	25 00
Caroline	45 00	Cambridge.....	20 00
Choptank	30 00	West Baltimore.....	80 00
East Baltimore.....	50 00	Bedford	44 00
9th Street Washington.....	40 00	Chesapeake	35 00
Newtown.....	20 00	Harper's Ferry.....	15 00
Pocomoke.....	20 00	Warwick	45 00
Somerset.....	30 00	Jefferson	35 00
Talbot	65 00	Lewistown.....	15 00
St: Michael's.....	25 00	Laurel.....	25 00
Snow Hill.....	25 00	Union.....	25 00
Whaleyville	45 00	Salisbury.....	25 00
Dorchester.....	35 00	Frederick Circuit.....	55 00
Cumberland.....	25 00	Salem.....	15 00
Newark.....	50 00	Montgomery Avenue.....	30 00
Sussex.....	15 00	South Baltimore.....	25 00
Milton.....	20 00	Washington Street.....	30 00
Stewartstown.....	45 00	Black Rock.....	10 00
Broadway.....	45 00	Patapsco.....	15 00
Baltimore.....	50 00	Potomac	15 00
Frederick Mission	20 00		
Liberty	60 00		\$2,250 00

We most respectfully renew the recommendation of last year, that in the collection of their respective apportionments, they make such arrangements as will anticipate executive visitation, and obviate the necessity of a collection for his salary in his presence.

E. J. DRINKHOUSE,

M. E. HYSORE,

GAVEN SPENCE.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON, March 15.

The Home Missionary Society of the Maryland Annual Conference, was called to order by the President, Rev. T. D. Valiant, and proceeded to the election of officers, as follows:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President—REV. D. A. SHERMER.

1st. Vice-President—REV. R. S. ROWE.

2nd Vice-President—REV. R. S. NORRIS.

Secretary—REV. B. F. BENSON.

Treasurer—JOHN G. CLARKE, Esq.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Superintendents of East and West Baltimore Stations, and Broadway Mission:

REV. DANIEL BOWERS,

REV. H. T. GERNHARDT,

REV. DR. H. F. ZOLLIKOFFER,

JOHN G. CLARKE, Esq.

On motion of Rev. J. R. Nichols, brother Bunting was elected to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees at Broadway Mission.

The roll was then called for annual fees, and sixty-three dollars and eighty-three cents (63.83) were received.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted.

On motion the Society adjourned.

D. A. SHERMER, *President.*

B. F. BENSON, *Secretary.*

WESTMINSTER, March 14th, 1870.

The anniversary meeting of the Superannuated Fund Society was held, Rev. Jno. Roberts in the chair. Addresses were delivered by Jas. Frame, Esq., Rev. D. Evans Reese, D. D., after which the sum of \$402.76 was raised.

March 16th.

The regular annual meeting of the Society was held, and the following officers were elected:

REV. D. F. EWELL, M. D., *1st. Vice-President.*

REV. J. M. ELDERDICE, *2nd Vice-President.*

REV. A. WEBSTER MATHER, *Recording Secretary.*

JAS. FRAME, Esq., *Corresponding Secretary.*

ZOLLIKOFFER, *Treasurer.*

BOARD OF MANAGERS—Rev. Daniel Bowers, Superintendent of West Baltimore Station, Rev. H. T. Gernhardt, Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, Wm. Bond, Fred. Etchison, Jas. Bond and Wm. H. Griffith, Esqs. On motion of Dr. J. J. Murray, the Superannuated Fund Society was authorized to pay the ground rent, (\$72.00) on President's Parsonage.

The roll was then called, when fifty-five dollars and ten cents (55.10) were received. 20 dollars were received on the last night of the session.

A. WEBSTER MATHER, *Secty.*

ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

MONDAY, March 14th 1879

The Electoral College was organized by calling Dr. A. Webster to the chair. The Secretaries of the Conference were elected Secretaries of the College. The College proceeded to vote for eleven ministers, and eleven laymen, to represent the Maryland Annual Conference in the General Conference to meet in Baltimore City in May, 1870.

The following were elected :

MINISTERIAL—L. W. Bates, D. D., J. J. Murray, D. D., James K. Nichols, D. D., A. Webster, D. D., J. Thos. Murray, S. B. Southerland, D. D., T. D. Valiant, D. E. Reese, D. D., H. C. Cushing, H. F. Zollickoffer, M. D., John Roberts.

LAYMEN—J. W. Richardson, Gaven Spence, J. W. Hering M. D. Jas. W. Thompson, Joseph Graham, John T. Dodd, Southey F. Miles, Ormond Hammond, R. S. Griffith, F. J. Bartlett.

ALTERNATES:

Ministerial.

E. J. Drinkhouse, M. D.,
David Wilson, M. D.,
Daniel Bowers,
D. A. Shermer,
D. W. Bates,
W. S. Hammond.

Laymen.

J. D. Cathell,
B. H. Richardson,
Dr. Joshua Wilson,
J. T. Moore,
P. M. Pearson,
Dr. Walter S. Turpin.

College adjourned.

OBITUARY.

Rev. THOMAS MAHLON WILSON, departed this life, at his late residence, near Liberytown, Frederick Co. Md. February 1st. 1870.

Bro. WILSON, was born in Hagerstown, Md. March 1st., 1814, and was fifty-five years and eleven months old on the day of his death. He was converted in his seventeenth year, at a Camp meeting, of the M. E. Church, held near Williamsburg, Pa., and soon after joined the Methodist Protestant Church, and was licensed to preach the Gospel. Thus early called into the vineyard of the Lord, and to the work of the holy ministry, he began life in earnest; and for some fourteen or fifteen years, exercising in a local sphere, as an unstationed minister, he was accustomed to preach every Sabbath, riding or walking long distances on Saturday afternoon to meet his appointments, and returning on Sunday night. In this way he made himself useful, performing a large amount of gratuitous labor for the Church, and at the same time freely contributing of his limited means to the support of the itinerant ministers, laboring on the circuit. His brother, Rev. Dr. David Wilson, writing of his early ministry, says: "I am sure he enjoyed in a high degree, the confidence of the several communities where he lived, and as late as eighteen months ago, I heard aged men speak of several sermons, they heard him preach, in his boyhood ministry, in terms of highest praise. "Being a skillful mechanic in wood and iron, while he thus labored in the Gospel without fee or reward, like the Apostle to the Gentiles, he wrought diligently with his hands, that he might not be chargeable to any. And he was conducting a growing and remunerative business, at the very time he heard the voice of the Master, calling him to more effective duty, in the active ministry; but he gave up all for the Church."

Accordingly, in the year 1842, he was received into the Maryland Annual Conference, in Georgetown, D. C., and was appointed to Phillipsburg Mission, where he labored one year. The next year, or a part of it, was spent on Trough Creek circuit. His subsequent appointments were as follows: Concord two years, Union two years, Queen Annes three years, Alexandria two years, Pipe Creek two years, Frederick, three years, making in all sixteen years of active itinerant life. At the close of his term of service on Frederick circuit, he found himself laboring under a bronchial affection, which forced him to retire, from a work to which he had from early life devoted the best energies both of his mind and heart. In this condition of his health, he was placed on the superannuated list, by his brethren; but he was induced, nevertheless, to accept for one year, the Missionary Agency, in the hope that general travel with little

vocal effort might serve to recruit his health, but this hope failed, and the following spring, he retired from all active service in the Church, and took up his residence in Uniontown, Md., where he owned a comfortable home. Here, having no income, save the comparative small dividend accruing to him from the funds of the Conference, thrown mainly on his own exertions for support, and having a family to provide for and educate, Bro. Wilson courageously, and cheerfully, faced the difficulties of his situation, and shunned neither toil nor suffering, in securing an honest living for himself and family. In these circumstances, his mechanical skill became of great value to him, enabling him to find paying employment, and opening to him services of revenue, which, to others unskilled would have been entirely wanting. Thus nobly struggling in active toil, managing his secular affairs with business-like discretion, practicing withal a wise and wholesome economy, he continued to make himself and family comparatively comfortable, and at the same time to educate his children. Sensitive however, upon the subject of receiving assistance from the Church; although he was entitled to all, and more than the Church was able to give him, the ambition of his heart was, if possible, so to improve his circumstances as to rise above such dependence. With this view, he sold his little property at Uniontown, where he had spent six years of quiet retirement, and purchased a valuable farm near Libertytown, where he spent the balance of his life. This step involved him pecuniarily, which not only caused him much anxiety of mind, but led him to put forth physical exertion beyond his ability, to endure which, had the effect, no doubt, to shorten his life. In this connection, his brother justly remarks: "He was a martyr to his own personal exertions, to live and support his family, independent of Conference assistance. In these efforts I am free to say he acted against my remonstrances and entreaties. I feared the result and continually dissuaded him from making these exertions. Alas! my apprehensions were too soon and sadly realized. But God's ways are right, and we will not complain."

After his retirement from the active work, he was only able to preach occasionally, and for more than a year prior to his death, his malady growing worse daily, he was compelled to desist from it altogether. Indeed for the last six months of his life he was only able to speak even to his family and friends, in a whisper. But he endured it all with patience, and uncomplainingly submitted to the will of God. This lesson he had been learning all his life, and when death approached he could say, in full confidence, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." One of his brethren who visited him a short time before his death, writes: He was then evidently fast ripening for the garner of the Lord, so cheerful, so genial, so thoughtful for others, so

warm in his christian friendships, and yet so fully conscious that he was dying." Bro. Wilson was a good man, a true man, a faithful minister, of the New Covenant. And having spent his life so well, it was fitting indeed, that his dying lips should say, to his weeping family as they stood around his bed : "All is well."

Bro. Wilson's opportunities of early educational training we are told, were quite limited, closing as early as his twelfth year. He attained, nevertheless, to a highly respectable position, as a minister of the Gospel. As a preacher, his bearing in the pulpit was grave and impressive, his language chaste and well chosen, and his sermons, as a whole, always entertaining and instructive. He excelled in statements of doctrine and had the happy art, of always simplifying to the humblest capacity, those truths which it is difficult, for the unregenerate mind clearly to comprehend. Says one who knew him well, "I never heard him utter an ambiguous sentence, and it is but just to his memory to say that several of the most impressive sermons I ever remember to have heard on faith and repentance, and the office of the Holy Spirit fell from his lips." Wherever he labored he found appreciative, audiences among the more intelligent classes, and was admired by many, as a clear and forcible expounder of Gospel truth. He was a gentleman of elegant manners, genial in his spirit, and withal possessed of uncommonly fine conversational powers. He was consequently, always a favorite in the family, and in the social circle. But as a minister of Jesus, he brought all these fine qualities to his work, making them tributary to the cause, preaching by example, as well as precept, the glorious Gospel of Christ. But he is gone—gone from labor to reward.

"Servant of God, well done,
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crown'd at last."

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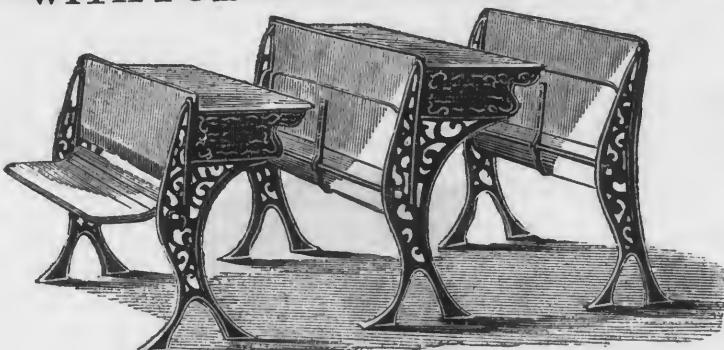
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